
RMK AND WETLANDS

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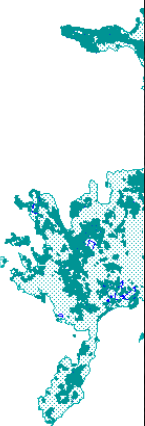
RMK is a government-owned organisation responsible for management of public forests and nature areas.

Since 2009, responsible for implementing practical nature conservation activities on state lands.



RMK*

- Land area 1,23 million ha
- Forest area 0,91 million ha
- Staff 731
- Annual regeneration 10 000 ha
- Total planting 18 seedlings
- Visitors 1,9 million
- Annual timber sales 10 million m³
- Total sales 163, million
- Profit 40,8 million



* 2014 data

DRAINAGE

- Large areas drained to improve timber production in 20th century
- Appr. half of RMK-s forest area affected by drainage systems
- New systems not created, existing systems maintained where possible



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WETLANDS

- RMK-s task to restore water regime in drainage affected wetlands and peat extraction areas
- Since 2010 EU structural funds (ERDF, CF) available to RMK for conservation activities



RESTORATION

MoE

- setting strategic goals
- selection and approval of areas and funding for restoration

EB

- setting conditions for planning
- approval of projects

RMK

- Preparing restoration plans
- Conducting restoration work
- Monitoring of water level

CEI

- Agency providing EU funding and verifying its adequate use



COMPLETED RESTORATION

Project area	Donor	Area; ha	SF cost; eur
Kuresoo raised bog	ERDF	80	161 323
Viru peat area	ERDF	37	146 651
Hara peat area	ERDF	103	162 930
Rannu peat area	ERDF	42	140 440
Endla Toodiksaare reserve	ERDF	184	280 962
Muraka nature reserve	ERDF	1 470	65 754
Vanaveski, Räksi capercaillie habitats	CF	206	106 408

Total 2 122 ha completed, cost 1 064 468 eur

ONGOING RESTORATION

Project area	Donor	Area; ha	SF cost; eur
Soomaa National Park bog complex	CF	1 432	726 368
Endla bog complex	CF	692	443 317

Ongoing projects 2 124 ha, estimated cost 1 169 685 eur

RESTORATION IN PLANNING

Project area	Donor	Area; ha
Tolkuse, Maasika raised bog	CF	926
Maarjapeakse raised bog	CF	609
Sookuninga raised bog	CF	436
Rubina raised bog	CF	488
Sangla raised bog	CF	579

Total of 3 038 ha in planning stage

RMK AND THE EU

- Access to EU SF since 2010
- ERDF and CF the main source of funding for large-scale conservation projects
- Main focus areas:
 - Habitat restoration
 - Conservation infrastructure



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IMPACT OF EU MEMBERSHIP

National funding – large number of small-scale conservation actions

EU support – creating lasting positive changes in ecological quality of protected areas + building conservation infrastructure

SOME EXAMPLES



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